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JEFFERSON CITY • When then-Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens finished delivering his four-minute resignation announcement on Tuesday, reporters pounced, yelling questions as the diminished chief executive walked away from them, perhaps for the last time.

“Governor, are you going to answer questions at any point?” one of the reporters shouted.

Greitens didn’t, as had been his practice for most of his 17-month tenure.

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Among the biggest unanswered ones remaining in his wake: What was the source of millions of “dark money” dollars donated either to Greitens’ campaign fund or to a secretive nonprofit that worked to further his agenda? And will the wide range of loopholes and creative maneuvers Greitens and his allies have used to get around campaign finance and open-records laws prompt changes in those laws?

“The same special interests that sought to influence the Governor will remain” after his exit,

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXECUTIVE RACE

Winner of pricey Democratic primary will likely take office



Democratic challenger Mark Mantovani, shown last month, has earned the support of several dozen black leaders in north St. Louis County.

BY JEREMY KOHLER • St. Louis Post-Dispatch

CLAYTON • The Democratic primary for St. Louis County executive is just over two months away.

The race pits incumbent Steve Stenger, an attorney and accountant, against well-heeled challenger Mark Mantovani, former CEO and chairman of the marketing firm Ansira. A third candidate, Bill Ray of University City, recently withdrew.

The Aug. 7 primary winner is expected to coast to a win in the November general election, as no well-known Republicans are seeking the job.

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St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger takes questions last month. The incumbent has the endorsement of the county police, firefighter and labor unions.

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AIR AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIPS

Coverage has holes, patient finds

Contracts, popular in rural areas, are ‘vague,’ judge says

BY SAMANTHA LISS
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Fearful of sky-high bills, some Missourians have turned to air ambulance memberships to shield themselves from charges their insurer may not cover after an emergency.

In exchange for a fee, air ambulance memberships promise no additional out-of-pocket expenses after a patient is airlifted.

But one Alabama woman who purchased a membership alleges a local air ambulance company attempted to collect additional funds even after her health insurer paid a portion of the bill.

“She purchased coverage that is worthless,” according to a federal lawsuit filed in Springfield, Mo.

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